

# Middle School Book Report Format

**Thesis idea:** This book is unique - Do not use the word "unique" anywhere in the report. Use your thesaurus to find a better word!

- Paragraph Order:**
1. Introduction
  2. Setting
  3. Characters
  4. Plot
  5. Plot Resolution
  6. Conclusion

## Paragraph Description:

- I. The introduction contains the thesis idea.
- II. The setting describes the time period and location.
- III. The section on characters mentions minor groups of characters but names and describes the major ones.
- IV. The plot explains what the major character attempts to do:  
to discover            to overcome            to adapt            to learn            to find  
to become            to mature            to solve            to conquer
- V. The plot resolution - How are the final problems solved? How does everything work out? What is the final attitude of the main character(s)?
- VI. The conclusion - an evaluation of the book as a literary work. What was the author's purpose? Does the book teach a lesson or a moral? Are the characters role models? Why is it recommended?

## Introduction:

### Sentence Order

### Example

1. Arouse the reader's interest with an attention grabbing question.  
How would you feel if a tornado suddenly lifted you away to a new land?
2. Name the character(s) in such a situation. Name the book title and author.  
Such an adventure happened to Dorothy in the book, *The Wizard of Oz*, by Frank Baum.
3. Present the thesis sentence: why the book is unique: Although there have been similar books, this book is unique because who? does what? and where?  
Although there have been other children's adventure stories, this one is unique because Dorothy helps the Tin Man, Scarecrow, and Lion find the qualities they seek while traveling with her in the land of Oz.

